GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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INDO-US JOINT CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON ENVIRONMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Joint Consultative Group between India and US on environment was formed in July last;

(b) if so, whether any report has been prepared by the group; and

(c) if so, the specific policy or plan of action evolved alongwith the broad outlines thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) A Joint Consultative Group on Clean Energy and Environment has been established to foster greater bilateral co-operation and Government-to-Government dialogue, and further encourage public and private sector co-operation in these sectors and the first meeting of the Joint Consultative Group was held in Washington on 26-28 July,2000

(b) & (c) An action Plan was prepared to pursue the goals of the Joint Consultative Group.The Group decided to revive the Bilateral Energy Consultation and promote technology development projects for clean energy in India. It also agreed to continue discussions on environmental issues, including in the context of the ongoing multilateral negotiations, and work to establish collaborative relationships between US and Indian energy and, environmental laboratories. An MOU on Bilateral Energy Consultations and two Protocols of Intent on Capacity Building and on Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Project was signed during the visit of the Prime Minister to USA in September, 2000.